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ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2004 AND 2005

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Maryland			1,000	Acres		1,000			
Corn ¹	ACR	490	470						
Corn Grain	BU			425	400	153	135	65,025	56,800
Corn Silage	TON			60		20		1,200	
Soybeans	BU	500	480	495	470	43	34	21,285	15,980
Winter Wheat	BU	160	155	145	145	59	66	8,555	9,570
Barley	BU	42	46	39	41	73	86	2,847	3,526
All Hay	TON			215	200	2.65		570	
Alfalfa Hay	TON			40	40	3.30		132	
Other Hay	TON			175	160	2.50		438	
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.7	3.5	4.6	3.4	260	250	1,196	850
Peaches	TON							4.1	4.2
Apples	LBS							34,100	30,000
Delaware									
Corn ¹	ACR	160	160						
Corn Grain	BU			153	150	152	135	23,256	20,250
Corn Silage	TON			6		17		102	
Soybeans	BU	210	185	208	182	42	29	8,736	5,278
Winter Wheat	BU	50	52	47	51	58	70	2,726	3,570
Barley	BU	29	29	26	27	80	81	2,080	2,187
All Hay	TON			14	15	2.93		41	
Alfalfa Hay	TON			6	6	3.90		23	
Other Hay	TON			8	9	2.30		18	
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.9	260	230	806	667
United States								1,000	0,000
Corn ¹	ACR	80,930	81,642						
Corn Grain	BU			73,632	74,333	160	148	11,807	11,032
Corn Silage	TON			6,103		18		107	
Soybeans	BU	75,208	72,200	73,958	71,270	42	43	3,124	3,043
Wheat, Winter	BU	43,350	40,320	34,462	33,680	44	44	1,499	1,494
Barley	BU	4,527	3,922	4,021	3,276	70	65	280	212
All Hay	TON			61,916	61,723	2.55	2.48	158	153
Alfalfa Hay	TON			21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75	76
Other Hay	TON			40,209	39,605	2.05	1.94	82	77
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	58.4	50.3	53.9	48.3	340	334	18	16
Peaches	TON							1.3	1.2
Apples	LBS							10,420	9,379

¹Acres planted is for all purposes.

CHICKEN AND EGGS

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The number of layers during November 2005 averaged 347 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up slightly from November 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2005, totaled 348 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 348 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.61 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2005, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from December 1, 2004.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2005 totaled 32.8 million, down 15 percent from November 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.7 million on December 1, 2005, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 181,000 during November 2005, down 20 percent from November 2004.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2005 totaled 747 million, up 2 percent from November 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on December 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2005, up 2 percent from November 2004.

HOGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004 and up 2 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the September-November 2005 period, compared to 8.96 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

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